

**Melt Cheney's** prestidigitation was too poor to secure him a living on the stage, but it was more than good enough to win him the kingship of a little island in the South Seas where his three years of wandering ended in happiness. "The Kingship of Melt Cheney" is a cannibal story of a quite unusual sort, by Albert Bigelow Paine in this week's issue of

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## GERMAN TROOPS INVADE RUMANIA FROM THE NORTH

Von Krafft's Forces on Enemy Soil After Taking Red Tower Pass

FOE'S ARMIES SMASHED

Falkenhayn Drives Opponents Across Mountains Into the Alt Valley

BERLIN, Oct. 11.—Bavarian troops, under General von Krafft, after capturing the Red Tower Pass, have marched southward and invaded Rumania from the north for the first time since the beginning of the war, it was semi-officially announced.

The first and second Rumanian armies that invaded Transylvania have been annihilated by the Austro-Germans, who are sweeping the enemy back upon their own frontier. The northern army, composed of Rumanians and Russians, is retreating hastily through the Georgian Mountains beyond Parat.

The military critic of the semi-official Overseas News Agency pointed out today that the results of General Falkenhayn's victory over the Rumanians near Hermannstadt are now shown to be of greater importance than was first realized. Von Krafft marched southward through the Red Tower Pass and stands on enemy soil near the Rumanian Mountains.

Falkenhayn, having annihilated the first Rumanian army, turned at once against the second Rumanian army and rolled it up from west and south with an irresistible attack that broke the enemy's opposition on the Sinka River, and threw the Rumanians across the mountains of the Geisterwood into the Alt Valley.

Three German submarines shelled and heavily damaged the Rumanian radio station at Yepovalok, on the Murman coast, along the Arctic Sea, said Copenhagen reports today. One man was shot down and several men killed.

A Christiania newspaper reported yesterday that a Russian destroyer sank two German submarines and crippled a third off Yepovalok.

## BRITISH TROOPS NEAR SERES AS SERBIANS NEAR MONASTIR; FIGHT TO TAKE CHUKA HEIGHT

LONDON, Oct. 11.—British troops have arrived within two miles of the Greek city of Seres in their new offensive against the Bulgars. It was officially announced today. A Bulgarian cavalry detachment, operating two miles south of Seres, was dispersed and driven back. The British occupied Topolova and Proenik villages. Near Krasitli an enemy post was raided during the night and its occupants dispersed.

Eight villages have been captured since British forces took the offensive and a comparatively large number of prisoners have been brought in.

Serbian troops are engaged in a fierce battle with the Bulgars for possession of Chuka Height, absolutely dominating the important town of Monastir.

An Athens dispatch today reported that the Serbs captured the village of Bochochiv and then pressed on and attacked the height. Capture of this strong position will be followed by the fall of Monastir, Athens reported.

The Austro-German army, under General

von Falkenhayn, which is at grips with the Rumanians in the Transylvanian Alps, is increasing its pressure and the retreat of the Rumanians is becoming a rout.

With the Rumanians fleeing through the mountain passes military experts predict that all the fighting in the Transylvanian theater of war will be taking place on Rumanian soil before the present week is out.

On both sides of Kronstadt (Brassao) German troops are pressing on the heels of the disorganized Rumanians.

Mount Negru, west of Vulcan Pass, is again in German hands. An important factor in the situation is the power the Rumanians can exert in the Debrudja and the extent to which they can divert troops from Falkenhayn's command.

There is increasing activity in the Debrudja, with indications that the battle there will be resumed without delay. The Rumanians are sending more men into this province, and Mackensen is being hard pressed along his right wing. The Bulgarian offensive seems to have been checked definitely.

## FRENCH MAKE NEW GAINS ON SOMME; HALT ASSAULTS IN CHAMPAGNE AND AT VERDUN

PARIS, Oct. 11.—Fresh progress has been made by the French on the Somme front and German attacks in Champagne and in the Verdun sector have been beaten off, the French War Office stated today in its official communiqué.

South of the Somme, where the French scored a brilliant gain yesterday, they have consolidated their gains. Fourteen hundred prisoners were taken.

The text of the communiqué follows: South of the Somme the French have consolidated their new ground and made fresh progress in grenade attacks. The number of prisoners taken has reached 1400. In the Fleury sector and in Champagne enemy attacks were beaten off.

In the Vosges Mountains the enemy embayed our position very violently in the sector of Schœnholz after which he subsequently attacked with infantry. The Germans succeeded in reaching the French trenches, but were then beaten back to their own lines with severe losses.

Anglo-French positions on the Somme front were kept under violent artillery fire by the Germans during the night, especially by the new positions of the French south of the Somme River. The Germans were attempting to prevent consolidation of the newly gained ground of the Allies and some strong counter-attacks were launched. Allied artillery replied to the German guns and a lively artillery duel developed. General Foch's troops are on the outskirts of the important town of Chaumont, as a result of the new thrust yesterday, and it is believed that Chaumont will soon be in French hands.

## NEW GREEK CABINET CALLED "COLORLESS"; KING CONSTANTINE IN FEAR OF ASSASSIN

LONDON, Oct. 11.—Telegraphing from Athens, Reuters' correspondent said Professor Lambros had succeeded in forming a Cabinet. The correspondent describes this as politically the most colorless Cabinet Greece has ever known.

Other members of the provisional government, arrived at Salonica Monday, according to a dispatch from that city to Reuters.

NEW YORK, Oct. 11.—King Constantine of Greece is barricaded in his summer palace at Tatoi, afraid if he ventures forth except under heavy guard he will be assassinated by one of his subjects or rushed into exile by Allied military officers, according to Nicholas G. Paoli, a lawyer, of 49 Wall street, who has returned to New York on the Espagne, after having spent three months in Athens.

Mr. Paoli believes the economic pressure that the Allies are bringing against the Greek nation, coupled with the activities of the new national defense movement, will combine to throw Greece into the war with the Entente Powers within the next month.

"Here in America we one day hear that Constantine is pro-Ally, the next day we hear that he is pro-German," Mr. Paoli said. "America should dismiss all doubt from its mind. There is not today in all the Kaiser's empire a more loyal subject than the King of Greece."

"What the secret behind the King's staunch pro-Germanism may be one can only guess. But the Greeks make no effort to suppress the rumor that early in the war their King received from the Central Powers a magnificent financial present upon his promise to keep his country neutral. The

## THE RELIEF HAS COME AT LAST



A Russian cartoon on the recent German bolstering of the Austrian army. The sign on the slope of the hill is Russian for "Carpathians."

Relief is general that this is what actually occurred. In some quarters it is stated that the reward for neutrality has not been paid, but is to be made at the close of the war—after Constantine has delivered the commodity which he is believed to have sold.

## ITALIANS CAPTURE ENEMY POSITION ON PASUBIO SLOPES; DRIVE OFF FOE'S ATTACKS

ROME, Oct. 11.—Heavy fighting continues in the Trentino, where the Italians are exerting heavy pressure on the Austrian lines, and are slowly pushing their way forward. The Italians, according to last night's War Office report, stormed Austrian positions on the northern slopes of Monte Pasubio (southeast of Rovereto), capturing trenches in the sector of Cosmagnon and Sette Croci with about 175 prisoners.

In the Travignolo Valley the Austrians were the attackers. Italian troops on the second peak of Col Brion (northeast of Trento) drove off the Austrians, inflicting heavy losses. The Italians also repulsed an attack on the northern slopes of Monte Sief, further to the north.

The official report of the War Office follows: On Monte Pasubio, after artillery preparation, our troops stormed and took enemy intrenchments in the sector of Cosmagnon and Sette Croci, and captured 175 men of the Kaiser's army, including six officers and one machine gun.

In the Travignolo Valley after a demonstration on the slopes of Cima Boche the enemy attacked our positions on the second peak of Col Brion in force. They were driven off with heavy losses, and were pursued by the effective fire of our batteries. An attack against our advanced line on the northern slopes of Monte Sief was also decisively repulsed.

On the front in the Julian Alps the artillery activity on both sides has been increased. The enemy shelled Gorizia, causing damage to buildings and a few casualties among the inhabitants. In the course of small engagements on the Carso front forty-three prisoners were taken.

Last night hostile aeroplanes made another raid on the lower Isonzo, dropping a large number of bombs on villages in the Grado Lagoon and elsewhere. Three persons were killed and two others wounded, and some material damage was done.

One of our aeroplanes dropped bombs on enemy positions on Col Santo, north of Monte Pasubio. Our aviators drove off numerous aerial attacks and returned safely.

BERLIN, Oct. 11.—The Italians launched

## UNA VITTORIA ITALIANA TRA IL MONTE PASUBIO ED IL MONTE COLSANTO

Trinceramenti Austriaci Conquistati d'Assalto—Attacchi del Nemico Respinti in Val Travignolo e sul Sief

AVANZATA IN ALBANIA

ROMA, 11 ottobre. Sulla fronte del Trentino continuano ad avervi violenti combattimenti. Ivi le truppe italiane esercitano sempre una vigorosa pressione sia per impedire che il nemico riporti truppe per invadere ad altri settori della fronte italiana o ad altri fronti di battaglia e sia per proseguire la lenta opera di riaggiustamento delle linee italiane e di appoggio delle posizioni più vitali degli austriaci. Il rapporto del generale Cadorna, pubblicato ieri sera dal Ministero della Guerra, annuncia la conquista di importanti posizioni austriache sulle falde settentrionali del Monte Pasubio. Ecco il testo:

preparazione di artiglieria. le nostre truppe hanno preso d'assalto trinceramenti nemici nel settore di Cosmagnon e di Sette Croci, facendo prigionieri 175 kaiserspäger, tra cui sei ufficiali, e prendendo il nemico una mitragliatrice.

Nella valle del Travignolo, dopo una azione dimostrativa sulla Cima Boche, il nemico attaccò in forze le nostre posizioni sulla seconda sommità del Col Brion. Gli austriaci furono respinti con gravi perdite e furono inseguiti dai tiratori della nostra fanteria. Le nostre truppe respinsero anche un

attacco nemico contro le nostre posizioni avanzate sul Monte Sief, nella zona dell'alto Carso.

Sulla fronte delle Alpi Giulie e aumentata l'attività delle artiglierie da ambo le parti. Il nemico ha bombardato di nuovo Gorizia facendo danni ad alcuni edifici e poche vittime tra gli abitanti. Nel corso di combattimenti svoltesi sull'altopiano del Carso noi facemmo 12 prigionieri.

Ieri sera aeroplani ottici eseguirono un'altra incursione sulla zona del Basso Isonzo, lasciando cadere un gran numero di bombe sulla laguna di Grado e su altri punti. Tre persone rimasero uccise e due ferite e si ebbero alcuni danni materiali.

Una delle nostre squadre di aviatori ha rovesciato numerose bombe sulle posizioni nemiche di Col Santo, a nord del Pasubio. I nostri aviatori respinsero numerosi attacchi da parte di aeroplani nemici e quindi ritornarono senza danni alla loro base.

Sulla fronte dell'Albania ieri le truppe occuparono la località di Kileura, a sud-est di Tepeleni, nella Voivodina. Domattina sera un aeroplano nemico volò su Valona e vi lasciò cadere bombe che però non fecero danni né vittime.

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